

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 EC BRU 00283 141318Z

44

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 SP-02 AID-05 EB-07 NSC-05

RSC-01 CIEP-01 TRSE-00 SS-15 STR-01 OMB-01 CEA-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 PA-01

PRS-01 USIA-06 /073 W

----- 021718

P 141224Z JAN 75

FM USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0000

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIORITY

ALL EC CAPITALS 228

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

C O N F I D E N T I A L EC BRUSSELS 00283

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EEC, PO, EAID

SUBJECT: EC AID TO PORTUGAL--SOAMES' LISBON VISIT POSTPONED

REF: (A) LISBON 119; (B) STATE 5880; (C) STATE 3619

1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT SOAMES' VISIT TO LISBON, SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK, HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 12-13. THE POSTPONEMENT IS OSTENSIBLY DUE TO DELAYS IN COMPLETION OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC PLAN. SOAMES' OFFICE TELLS US IN CONFIDENCE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS PRIMARILY DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY THERE MAY BE A TENSE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT MEETING JANUARY 16 OVER TRADE UNION RECOGNITION. END SUMMARY.

2. WE CONVEYED APPROPRIATE MATERIAL FROM THE REFTELS TO SOAMES' STAFF OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS. ON JANUARY 14 HANNAY, SOAMES' CHEF DE CABINET, CONTACTED US TO (A) EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY LISBON, AND (B) INFORM CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 EC BRU 00283 141318Z

US THAT, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT,

SOAMES' LISBON TRIP SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 16-17 HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 12-13.

3. HANNAY SAID THAT THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES ARE TO ANNOUNCE THE POSTPONEMENT. HE DOES NOT EXPECT THAT ANY FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE EC COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS. THE "OSTENSIBLE" REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT WILL BE THAT, SINCE PORTUGAL STILL HAS TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON ITS ECONOMIC PLAN, THE TALKS WITH SOAMES WILL BE MORE USEFUL LATER ON.

4. HANNAY TOLD US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT THERE WERE IN FACT OTHER REASONS FOR THE DELAY. SOME OF THE PORTUGUESE MINISTERS ARE PRESENTLY IN THE ALGARVE AND WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE TO SEE SOAMES. THE MAJOR REASON, HOWEVER, IS INFORMATION SOAMES HAS RECEIVED (APPARENTLY FROM THE PORTUGUESE THEMSELVES) THAT THERE WILL BE A STICKY CABINET DISCUSSION PROBABLY LATE JANUARY 16 ON THE QUESTION OF TRADE UNION RECOGNITION. ACCORDING TO HANNAY, THE ISSUE IS PRESSURE FROM THE PORTUGUESE RADICAL LEFT TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENT LIMIT OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO COMMUNIST TRADE UNIONS. EVEN IF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT MANAGES TO PAPER OVER THE ISSUE, HANNAY SAID SOAMES FELT HIS PRESENCE WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE. HANNAY INDICATED THAT GIEREK'S LISBON VISIT (REFTEL A) WAS NOT A DETERMINING FACTOR FOR SOAMES.

5. HANNAY ASKED THAT WASHINGTON FURNISH AN UPDATING OF THE INFORMATION ON US AID PLANS AS THE NEW DATES FOR SOAMES' VISIT DRAW NEAR. GREENWALD

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, PARTY LEADERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 JAN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ECBRU00283
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750013-1178
From: EC BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750155/aaaabvqp.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 LISBON 119, 75 STATE 5880, 75 STATE 3619
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 APR 2003 by MartinML>; APPROVED <10 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EC AID TO PORTUGAL--SOAMES' LISBON VISIT POSTPONED
TAGS: EAID, OVIP, PO, EEC, (SOAMES, CHRISTOPHER)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006